Monitoring the activities of flying clubs by DGCA

*339. SHRI PREM CHAND GUPTA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that flying clubs are charging large amounts of money from people for flying training and are taking an undue long time to complete their training; and

(b) whether the DGCA monitors this activity and, if so, what steps are being taken to protect the interests of the trainees?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCATING (SHRI C.M. IBRAHIM): (a) No such complaint has been received.

(b) The Directorate General of Civil Aviation is closely monitoring the activities of the flying clubs and is protecting the interests of the trainees by providing subsidy to 31 flying clubs. It also carries out inspections and audit from time to time.

Air accidents in Indian sky

*340. SHRI SATISH PRADHAN: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to be state

(a) the details of aircrafts that met with accident in the Indian sky during last three years;

(b) the number of accidents which occurred on the grounds of airports during the said period;

(c) whether any enquiry has since been initiated in this regard; and

(d) if so, what are the findings thereof?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVAIATION AND MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI C.M. IBRAHIM): (a) and (b) During the last three years from 1994—97 (till date) a total of 23 aircraft accidents involving Civil aircraft have taken place. Out of these, 15 accidents have taken place at the airports/designated landing places. The details are given in the enclosed Statement. *(See below)*

(c) and (d) Yes, Sir. Out of a total of 23 accidents, investigations of 18 accidents have been completed and the findings of these are given in the enclosed Statement *(See below)* Investigation in the remaining 5 cases are in progress.

Statement

Accident during the last three years from 1994 to 1997 (till date)

Sl. No.	Date	Location	Place	Operator/ Aircraft	Findings of the Enquiry
1.	3.3.94	Airport	Lucknow	Govt. Flying Training school Lucknow Pushpak/ VT-DOX	The accident was due to slight swinging of the aircraft while touchdown ont the left wheel, which was further aggravated due to Wrong application of the rudder
2.	8.3.94	Airport	Delhi	Sahara India B-737/ VT-SIA	The accident occurred due to the application of wrong rudder by trainee pilot during engine failure exercise.

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3.	7.6.94	Airport	Ahmedabad	Ahmedabad Gliding & Flying Club Rohini Glider/ VT-GBP	The accident was caused as the glider pilot failed to maintain the wings in a level condition resulting in its port wing tip contacting the ground.
4.	9.6.94	Airport	Mantalai airstrip	Aparana Aviation Maule/ VT-EEK	The pilot abandoned approach as the aircraft was lower than the level of airstrip and away from its centre line and initiated Left turn to avoid high terrain. During the turn the aircraft stalled while clearing the obstacles in the flight path and crashed.
5.	9.7.94	Enroute	Near Kulu	Punjab Govt. B-200/ VT-EUJ	The accident was caused due to serious error on the part of the flight crew by not strctly adhering to the VFR conditions for flight to Bhuntar airfield.
6.	25.8.94	Enroute	Mandrail Swai Madhopur	Minister of Envi-Forest. Piper Seneca/ VT-EOZ.	The aircraft disintegrated in flight as a result of excessive aerodynamic loading possible due to pilot's control inputs while negotiating bad wheather.
7.	23.9.94	Airport	Jaipur	Rajasthan state Flying School Pushpak/ VT-DLV	The accident due to trainee pilot not following correct technique after improper landing and simulateneous swing of the aircraft to the right during her second solo.
8.	11.10.94	Enroute	Srinagar	J&K Govt. Cheetah/ VT-EQE	Accident was caused due to uncontrollable vibrations after the detached spacing cable damaged the pitch changer link rod.
9.	17.12.94	Airport	Hyderabad	Indian Airlines A-320/ VT-EPM	Accident was caused when an unauthorised person on a moped attempted to cross the runway and was hit to death by an aircraft during its landing roll.
10.	1.3.95	Airport	Katihar helipad	Mesco Airlines Hitler/ helicopter	The Police man had moved into the rotating tail rotor disc while he was on duty to baricade the Helipad.

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11.	19.3.95	Enroute	Near Indore	Udan Academy Cessna 152	The cause of accident in which the aircraft force landed is attributed to engine stoppage in flight as a result of fuel starvation due to inadequate fuel on board for planned flight.
12.	4.6.95	Airport	Pune	Gliding Centre Pune 1TG-3 Glider	The glider during launch had experienced failure of the left wing strut attachment fitting as a result of which the left wing folded upwards in-flight and the glider became uncontrollable and fell down and impacted ground.
13.	1.7.95	Airport	Baroda	East West Airlines/F-27	The accident occurred during aircraft touchdown due to liberation of the sliding piston along with the wheels of the left main landing gear as a result of failure of the locking arrangement on the piston top end.
14.	24.8.95	Airport	Coimbatore	Coimbatore Aviation & Training Academy Pushpak	The accident occurred due to staling of the aircraft when the pilot attempted to clear the obstacle in the flight path during force landing after inflight stoppage of the engine. The engine stopped in flight due to fuel starvation as a result of transfer of fuel from main tank to the auxiliary tank due to fuel transfer valve remaining in open position inadvertently.
15.	2.12.95	Airport	Delhi	Indian Airlines B-737	The accident was caused by the combined effect of (a) touch-down of the aircraft at excessive speed and too far down the runway, (b) Failure of the First Officer and Pilot-in Command to monitor the automatic deployment of the speed

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					break, and failure of the Pilot-in-Command to deploy it manually, (c) Impact of the aircraft with an 18 inch high cement concrete cable duct in the kutcha ground beyond the over-run area.
16.	10.5.96	Enroute	Near Pondicheery	Orient Flight School, Madras Cessna-152	The accident occurred due to unauthorised low flying by the trainee pilot resulting in aircraft undercarriage getting entangled with the telephone cables, when he was trying to clear the obstacle in his flight path.
17.	18.5.96	Airport	Kanpur	Archana Airways L-410	The accident was caused due to late touchdown at higher aircraft touchdown speed as a result of which the aircraft overshot the runway and suffered damage by impact with boundary wall.
18.	11.7.96	Enroute	Near Kulu	Archana Airways L-410	During flight from Shimla to Kulu, the aircraft hit a tree on top of a hill and crashed.
19.	25.8.96	Enroute	Near Bhopal	M.P. Govt. Chetak Helicopter	The accident is under investigation.
20.	5.11.96	Airport	Ahmedbad	Ahmedabad Aviation Club Cessna 152	The accident is under investiga tion.
21.	12.11.96	Enroute	Near Delhi	Saudi Arabian Airlines and Kazakastan Airlines B-747 & IL-76	The accident is under investigation.
22.	28.12.96	Airport	Bangalore	Blue Dart Aviation Ltd. B-737	The accident is under investigation.
23.	22. 2.97	Airport	Bangalore	Kerala Aviation Training Centre Cessna 152.	The Accident is under investigation.